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M Special Appointment **COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His Excellency the Viceroy of SHANGHAI.**
RUSSELL & Co
Hongkong, 11th July, 1885. 1467

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 30th day of June last, **YUEN YUE CHI** and his Son **YUEN HEE KUM** (the latter having been the Manager) retired from the Business of the **HOO TAI CHOP** and sold all the said YUEN CHI and Sold all their own Shares of the Business to **YUENG MING LAI TONG** who had been until then Partners or Shareholders in the said Business. And the said YUEN CHI and his Son **YUEN HEE KUM** LAI TONG will not hold themselves Responsible for any Debts, Old or New, contracted by the said **YUEN YUE CHI** or his Son **YUEN HEE KUM** and the said Creditors and Debtors are also hereby requested to send their contracts to be signed by **YUENG TAO MAN, YUENG MAN FUNG**, and **YUENG MAN KEE** who are the partners in the said Business on the same documents of the **Chop of HOO TAI LOONG MING KEE**.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. 1468

FOR SHANGHAI.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates

The Steamship
"CHINTUNG"
Captain Winsor, will be despatched for the
above Port to MORROW, the 13th instant,
at FOUR p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. [1469]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG, VIA
SUEZ CANAL.
(Taking Cargo at through rates for New York.)
The Steamship
"CALEDONIANSHIRE"
Courtney Comander, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 14th instant,
at FOUR p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. [1050]

THE Steamship

"EUPHRATES."

Captain Mitchell, will be despatched for the above Port on **SATURDAY, the 15th inst. at THREE P.M.**

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. [147]

UNION LINE.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

"OXFORDSHIRE"

Captain Jones, will be despatched for the above Port on **WEDNESDAY, the 16th instant, at THREE P.M.**

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 11th August, 1885. [146]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI DIRECT.

THE COMPANY'S Steamship

"ORESTES."

Captain Webster, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 19th inst.

For Singapore or for Hongkong.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents,
Hongkong, 12th August, 1885. [47]

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Undersigned at or before NINE O'CLOCK A.M. of MONDAY, the 24th inst. for the purpose of erecting a **SHED HOUSE** at the ROYAL NAVAL YARD according to Plan and Specification, which can be seen on application to the SURVEYOR at the Royal Engineer Office between 10 A.M. and 1 P.M. from whom Copy of Specification, Bill of Quantities and Form of Tenders can be obtained.

Tenders should be addressed to the Naval Storekeeper, and marked "Tender for Shed."

The right to reject the lowest or any Tenders
 is reserved.
 W. H. LOBB,
 Naval Storekeeper.
 Royal Naval Yard,
 Hongkong, 8th August, 1883. [143]

**SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY
 LIMITED.**

THIS Company desires to engage a
 MANAGER for the HEAD OFFICE in
 Singapore a Gentleman with special knowledge and
 experience in Fire Insurance Business. A preference will
 be given to one who has also had experience in
 MARINE INSURANCES.
 Applications may be addressed to the Acting
 Secretary, Exchange Buildings, Singapore, or
 to
 ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
 Agents. [144]
 Hongkong, 5th August, 1883.

NOTICE.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF
 CUSTOMERS, the Productions of the
 "Great Eastern Dispensary" are now

can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL
FOR CASH, at No. 3, Pool Street, at the same
Prices as at the REFINERY or Retail dealers
will be delivered at addressed down on applica-
tions forwarding their monthly requirements
in writing directed to the Refinery at East Point
JARDINE, NATHAN & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1885. [13]

S A I G O N .

C A F E D E S I N G A P O R E
REPAIRED
N O O R K H A N .
AT THE CORNER OF
RUE CATINAT No. 7 & RUE VANSTEN No. 11
All Orders of Refreshments, and
BREAKFAST, DINNER, AND LUNCHEON
To be had at a Moment's Notice.
BILLIARD ROOM.
English and French Billiards, only one
S A I G O N .
FURNISHED BED ROOMS.
EUGENE HOFFMANN, Proprietor. [18]
English and French interpreter for foreign
Travellers and Passengers. [13]

THE PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA.
YOLO AND BENICIA MILLS; FLOUR AND MEALS.
CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS CO.
WM. T. COLEMAN & Co.
IRON MANTELS AND STOVES O
MONTAGUE & Co.
A. HINZ.
Agent.
No. 4 D'Aguller Street,
Hongkong, 8th March, 1885.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSARY
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the DUKE OF EDINBURGH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS.
PERFUMES,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIERS,
And
GRAVED WATER MAKERS.
SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS' SUPPLIES.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or to
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.
Correspondents are requested to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.
All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.
Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.
Orders for extra copies of the Daily Press should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, AUGUST 12th, 1885.

The prejudice entertained by the Chinese against the Western system of medicine and practice of surgery still exist in some quarters, apparently, in spite of the many benefits conferred by the various Medical Missions. It was hoped that to a large extent these prejudices had been dissipated, and that the advantages of the Western methods of treating disease and injuries had been made sufficiently manifest to the more intelligent classes by the many cures wrought and the successful operations performed by the self-denying and clever practitioners who have devoted themselves to medical mission work in China. But all their success and all their efforts have failed to entirely dispel prejudice and correct ignorance. In his report on the work of the Medical Missionary Society's Hospital in Canton for the year 1884, Dr. J. C. Thomson mentions two instances that show how easily hostility can be excited against the mission, and how potent prejudice still is in high official circles. In the first case Dr. Thomson says that, inspired probably by the demonstrations last August against the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and influenced also by unfortunate official proclamations issued about that time, a riotous crowd collected, threw stones at the Mission House, and declared they had come "to kill the foreigners." They also posted an abusive placard on the outer gate of the hospital, "advocating native physicians as against any foreign importations and deprecating the morality and purpose of foreigners generally." A reward of \$100 was at the same time offered for the heads of four persons, the first native assistant and three of the Mission's most prominent supporters. It is only fair to add that upon the posters being pulled down and forwarded to the Authorities an official reply was at once put up in several places, in which the Hospital was commended, and riotous persons were warned not to interfere with it and ordered to take heed to themselves. This was very satisfactory, but no more than might have been expected from a man of the enlightened perceptions of His Excellency CHANG CHIN-YU, who, though distinctly anti-foreign in his tendencies, is well-versed in the good work done by the Medical Missions and understands the philanthropic object of those institutions. The obvious pleas and the riotous demonstration against the Hospital were no doubt the work of some evil-intentioned person or persons who had worked on the ignorance and fear of the populace by some of the horrible stories that are so freely put up against foreigners at a moment's notice by designing natives in China. Fortunately they quite missed their mark on this occasion, owing to the prompt intervention of the Authorities. In most cases riots can be averted in China if the officials will only act promptly and firmly, but unfortunately they are not always disposed to extend their protection to the unassuming foreigner until matters look like bloodshed. In this respect an improvement has, however, been apparent recently, the Central Government having, we believe, pretty strict orders upon the provincial officials to take severe measures to prevent attacks by native mobs on foreigners or their property. The destruction wrought on Shanghai by the mob in September, 1885, entitled the indignation of the authorities by the Government, and thus the actual loss to the Authorities themselves. This sort of thing is of course not to be borne with equanimity, and we may expect that it will operate for the future to render the Kwangtung officials energetic and quick to suppress riot or disorder. At Hangchow, too, where the Medical Missionary Hospital was attacked on the 29th ult. by a riotous mob, the Authorities displayed considerable alacrity in dispatching soldiers to disperse the ruffian and protect the Hospital. No doubt similar motives conducted to make the officials in both places anxious to prevent destruction of property or interference with foreigners.

We have said that Dr. Thomson has given an instance of official prejudice against Western physicians. This case, which has been already quoted in our columns, was that of a native personage named the Ex-Viceroy of the Two Kwang. That official had called in Dr. Thomson, who found him suffering from a rapid weak pulse and general malaise, contracted at that quaggy spot, Whampoa, and he prescribed for the patient accordingly. But the Ex-Viceroy was not allowed, though he wished to do so, to take Dr. Thomson's medicine, and died under the doing of the native doctors who had

been called in. Who refused to let the sufferer take the quinine, whether it was the members of his family, the native medical, or his attendants, is not stated, but it seems that the latter threatened the interpreter through whom Dr. Thomson had prescribed. It also appears that His Excellency Li Hsueh-an, brother-in-law of the Ex-Viceroy, had advised him to take quinine for his fever. Yet here we find a high mandarin prevented from obeying his own inclination, because he wished to follow the advice of a foreign doctor, and died to death by ignorant native physicians. The Viceroy of Chihli is a complete convert, we believe, to the Western system of medicine, but even his high example is not sufficient to inspire faith in all or to overcome the opposition of native doctors. The fact is instructive as showing the strength of the opposition that has to be encountered in vanquishing prejudice. Similar opposition was raised to foreign medicine and surgery in Japan at first, but now the Western methods are being adopted in Hospitals and Government establishments scattered all over the empire, and we hope that before long the Chinese Government will recognize the importance of reform in this direction. The dreadful dire need of a Hospital and Ambulance Corps for the Chinese armies in Tonquin and Formosa during the Franco-Chinese hostilities must have been painfully apparent to the Peking Government, and if they have any humanity or sympathy with suffering they will lose no time in forming such a Corps. We should like to see the Chinese seriously take up this question without delay, and send a body of young men to Europe to be trained as surgeons and physicians for the purpose. It would be a proof that the lessons of the recent war had not been lost upon them, and that they were not callous to the sufferings of their soldiers, nor utterly reckless of their lives. If the officials once espouse the cause of Medical Reform, the prejudices of the people will quickly dissolve, and they will become eager to obtain that relief from pain which their own doctors are unable to afford in cases which necessitate other than treatment by simples.

The British steamer *Japan* returned from the Kowloon dock yesterday. The British steamer *Nanhai* was over there today.

The German gunboat *Thetis*, Lieutenant-Commander Hofmeyer, arrived here yesterday from Shanghai, which port she left on the 5th August.

Captain Petersen has resigned command of the steamer *Yokohama*, and Captain Lunt of the *Benelux* has taken his place.

The U. S. flag-ship *Trenton* left Nagasaki for a week's cruise at 2.30 p.m. on the 9th July. Admiral Davis and staff remaining behind.

The Chinese composite screw ship *Wild Swan* (No. 1), Captain John S. Halliday, arrived in Yokohama on the 30th ult. from Hongkong.

The *Daily News* says that the steamer *Bend Sin* is now in the New Dock at Shanghai for repairs, as she damaged some masts of her rigging in running over a rock at Amoy.

As will be seen by the announcement on our front page, Messrs. Russell & Co. have been appointed by special appointment Commercial Agents for the foreign business of His Excellency the Viceroy of Chihli.

Lin, the Tao-tai of Formosa, to whom the foreigners on that island recently addressed a memorial for his care of them during the late trouble, was expected to be in Shanghai at last, and probably on his way to Peking.

The French cruiser *Desaix*, Commander De Montagu, arrived here yesterday from Saigon.

From Tientsin we (Mercury) hear that Li Hung-chang is going to Peking soon, and that he is expected to have an audience with the Emperor on the 20th inst. Amongst other things he will endeavour to get the whole Chinese Navy organized on a proper footing under the control of an Admiralty at Tientsin, and to arrange about financial matters.

The British steamer *Hatcho* reported on her arrival at Shanghai on the 23rd inst. at 5.00 p.m. that she had picked up a man in distress, and the following circumstances:—The *Kohayama* was a vessel belonging to Kogoshima, and was anchored at Shikishima (Loochoo) on the 21st inst. At 10 a.m. the captain was on shore on business, a gale sprang up, causing her to break away from her anchorage, and drift on a mud flat at low tide. The masts were at once lowered, and the vessel drifted on, and on the 22nd inst. she was picked up by the *Hatcho*, which she had picked up in distress, and the following circumstances:—The *Kohayama* was a vessel belonging to Kogoshima, and was anchored at Shikishima (Loochoo) on the 21st inst. At 10 a.m. the captain was on shore on business, a gale sprang up, causing her to break away from her anchorage, and drift on a mud flat at low tide. 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